

HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS



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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The Heart of the Valley Homebrew Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between Corvallis and Albany. This month's meeting is November 18 at Jon Fulton's home in Albany. Directions will be coming out over email. Please plan on attending, we will be voting on club officers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 18 – Monthly Meeting. 7:00 pm at Jon Fulton's in Albany.
Dec. 12 – Holiday Party. Location TBA
Jan. 20 – Monthly Meeting. 7:00pm at Patrick Gorman's in Corvallis.
Other upcoming events
Dec. 2-6 – Holiday Ale Festival. Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland. [more info](#)

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Howdy all,

I have been really busy lately. Busy with family, going to Beaver games, watching the World Series (go Yankees), and making wine. Yes that is right, wine! With some members of our fine homebrew club we are making 2 barrels worth of Syrah and Merlot. In fact we just pressed the Syrah and I am getting the yeast ready to pitch into the Merlot as I write this pres corner. It only takes about an hour for this yeast to take off!

While busy on the higher slope of fermentation I will be bringing myself back down to where I started. I think I will make some beer! Maybe something lighter for the friends and family that will be visiting over the holidays. I will be bottling my HOTV Holiday Party winning beer this weekend. At that time I will be adding my secret ingredient. You will not have a chance!

And on to more important issues. We have club elections coming up at our next meeting. I would like to see all of you there to vote. And to BS about homebrew! There should be some highly contested seats to be filled. Campaigning is highly recommended. I would hate to see any bribes come my way since the counts could go either way! Lets show up in good spirits and get ready for the Holiday Party.

Good beers for all,
Howie

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Howie started off the meeting by thanking Dave Wills & Oregon Trail Brewing for hosting the meeting, and welcoming new people Ron & Doug.

The Holiday party will be on December 12, backup plan is Charley's home. The first weekend of December is the Holiday Ale Festival in Portland.

November 7 is Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day. Charley will host a club brew day that day at his home, and perhaps make some cheese, too. Also on the 7th are 2 somewhat-local competitions: Novembeerfest in Kent, WA, and Oregon Brew Crew Fall Classic in Portland.

Since there is no Holiday Hoopla competition this year, there will be a club brew competition at the holiday party! Bring a 6 pack, 4 22's (at least), or a corny of your holiday beer and there will be an informal judging, aka "People's Choice". The categories are the same as last years' holiday hoopla - 16E (Belgian-style Christmas Ales), 19A (Non-spiced Winter Warmers), and 21B (Christmas/Holiday Spiced Beers). If you'd like to supply a "promotional item" along with your beer, or a "bribe", anything goes! Awards are as follows:

- 1st place – 100 HotY points
- 2nd place – 50 HotY points
- 3rd place – 25 HotY points
- 10 HotY points will be awarded just for entering!

Club nominations were held, and the following members were nominated (names in parenthesis are the members who nominated the person):

- **President:** Eric "Howie" Howard (Irene & Armand)
- **Vice President:** Dave Benson (Armand & Bob); Mort Piripi (Patrick & Charley); Louis Hans (Charley & Patrick)
- **Secretary:** Irene Schoppy (Bob & Armand); Louis Hans (Charley & Patrick)
- **Treasurer:** John Sterner (Bob & Armand)
- **Competition Chair:** Mort Piripi (Bob & Charley)
- **Festival Chair:** Joel Rea (Howie & Armand); Scott Caul (Armand & Bob)
- **Education Chair:** Charley Renn (John & Louis)
- **Litter Czar** (Pete wanted to pass this year): Dan Crall (Bob & John); Mr. Bill (Charley & Armand)

The November club meeting will be a Jon Fulton's home in Albany, January's meeting will be at Patrick's in Corvallis. Upcoming brew days are Nov. 7 at Charley's, December is open. Contact Howie if you'd like to volunteer for December.

Charley needs a 40lb/10 gallon propane tank – contact him if you know of a source.

Armand gave a Septembeerfest update – the final numbers are in. We will be donating \$2,000 to Linn Benton Food Share, and \$1500 to OSU Fermentation Sciences scholarship. That leaves about \$3,500 in seed money for next year. We had about 1,300 attendees, lots of families & great entertainment. Let's keep that up for next year!

Bring your HOTV membership dues to the Holiday party. If you renew before the new year you get a discount - \$15. After Jan 1, you will owe the full price (\$20). Checks can be made out to HOTV, turn your dues into John Sterner.

UPCOMING HOMEBREW COMPETITION INFO

by Bob Saathoff

The deadlines have just passed for the last couple of semi-local competitions coming up and we're entering a bit of a lull until after the new year. Howie's thinking of concocting some sort of Club Choice competition for holiday beers during our Christmas party but haven't heard any details. Hopefully he'll have some info out soon (see the meeting minutes for more information). Keep in mind the spring competition schedule will include the Slurp 'n

Burp in March/April, the AHA National Qualifying and the Oregon Garden's classic, and our competition in May. (You may need to start brewing now if you want to have more entries than David Swisher.)

No club only tastings until January when it's English Browns

Cheers,
Bob

Local Competitions

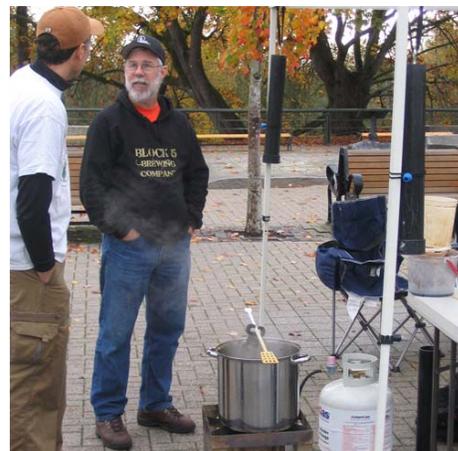
Competition	Deadline
Oregon Brew Crew Fall Classic	10/24/2009
Novembeerfest	11/03/2009
Oregon Garden's Homebrewers Classic	04/03/2010

AHA Club Only Competitions

Club Mtg	Style	BJCP Style #
Jan 10	English Brown Ale	11
Feb 10	American Ales	10
Apr 10	Extract Beers	1-23
July 10	Mead	24,25,26

During the club meeting before entries are due, HOTV members can bring in their beers for consideration into the AHA Club Only competitions. Beers will be judged side-by-side by BJCP certified club members (and anyone else who wants to try them). We'll select one beer to enter to represent our club and the club will pay the shipping (ground only) and entry fee. The winner is responsible for the packaging and getting the entry down to Joel's shop in time to make it by the deadline.

FARMER'S MARKET



Charley Renn, The HOTV Education Chair, coordinated 2 homebrew demonstrations in

October, one at the Albany Farmer's Market on the 17th and one at the Corvallis Farmer's Market on the 31st. Along with Louis Hans and Jon Fulton, he made a Holiday Beer at the Albany market. Look for the results at the Holiday party in December! At the Corvallis market, he brewed up a Schwartzbier which will be lagered over the winter. Perhaps we will taste this at the summer picnic, or before if we are lucky! Armand, Irene and Brian helped out in Corvallis. At both markets there was a lot of interest from passers-by.

HOTY LIST

Each month, an updated HotY list is put on the website. I will also be listing the Top 10 in the

newsletter. Notify Howie if you need points awarded.

November Top 10	
David Swisher	630
Bob Saathoff	122
A & I Schoppy	116
Eric & Jamie Howard	110
Doug & Mare Goeger	68
John Sterner	55
Bill Baxter	53
David Starr	42
Ron Hall	40
Dave & Stine Benson	39

HOTV CLUB EQUIPMENT

by Joel Rea

Our club has brew gear that is available for members to use. All of the items reside at Corvallis Brewing Supply. If you check out a piece of club equipment, please clean and return it to Corvallis Brewing Supply as soon as possible for other members to use. There is a one week check out limit unless pre-arranged with the equipment dude...that would be me.

- RIMS (Recirculating Infusion Mash System) Due to the tenacity of this piece of equipment I would strongly suggest that you have a training brew session with someone who has experience in using it.
- Motorized Grain Mill
- CO₂ kit - Includes CO₂ bottle, regulator and tool box full of draft parts
- Oxygen Bottle and Infusion Stone
- Counter Pressure Bottle Filler
- Low-Pressure Burner with tank
- 12 gallon Stainless Steel Liquor Tank
- 15 gallon Stainless Steel Mashtun / Lautertun
- Bench Capper
- 10 gallon Cornelious Keg
- AHA Style Guidelines Books 1-8

If you have a piece of equipment that is collecting dust and you would like to donate it to the club please let me know. -Joel

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 EDUCATION CHAIR: Charley Renn
 LITTER CZAR: Pete Petryszak